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Continuing education is key in disaster preparation

City personnel have continued their education and training for emergency and disaster preparation by attending courses under the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The latest training in

New Castle was a 200-level Incident Command System (ICS) course, which spanned two full days. Many City employees had previously attended training in the basic ICS-100 course. Plans for the

future include continued training for pertinent personnel of the higher level courses.

In addition to training, within the last several months the City Council adopted a Resolution mandating that the concepts and principles of the NIMS and the ICS be utilized as the City's official incident management system for day-to-day emergency operations, and during major incident response operations involving State or Federal participation within the City of New Castle. Also, the City completed a required NIMS Capability Assessment and Threat Assessment.

All these items are required for New Castle to stay current and be prepared in the event of an emergency or disaster, natural or man-made. Many requirements also must be met in order for the City to remain eligible for grant funding from FEMA, DEMA and Homeland Security.

'Tis the season for roadwork

The City's annual program of road and street repair will be underway soon. To begin the process this year, the City had a professional engineering firm review all City streets and provide a prioritized list of work to be done and estimated costs.

For the money available to the City from the State Municipal Street Aid Fund and the Community Transportation Fund, mill, patch and overlay work will be performed on the following streets:

New Amstel

East 4th Street

In the Washington Park subdivision:

West 11th Street

West 12th Street

West 13th Street

West 14th Street

Note that for all these locations, portions of the road are scheduled for work this year and other portions may be scheduled in future years. In most cases, work spans about one-tenth of a mile. When work is about to begin in an area, residents will be notified by the contractor.

Enjoy City parks this summer!

**A reminder that dogs
must be leashed and owners
must cleanup after dogs.**

No Grilling in Battery Park.



**The next
regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Aug. 14 at
Town Hall**

New Castle – The First Capital City!

How much is too much?

Citizens' solid waste primer

The following is copied from the City Code:

"Rigid containers, plastic bags. The two containers at every individual pickup location shall be of rigid construction with self-sealing lids. The maximum size shall be 35 gallons and the filled weight shall not exceed 50 pounds."

Any items placed out for garbage collection not in conformance with the above are considered special trash pickup, subject to the fee schedule established by the City (see chart at right).

In many instances, Public Works personnel try to accommodate customers, but are providing this information to citizens so they may be better-aware of existing rules and regulations.

In some instances, persons lodge complaints with the Public Works Department when they believe they are treated unfairly when asked to pay for a special pickup. An example of a complaint is, "Why do I have to pay, I put one small bag out twice a week and now you want to charge me for a refrigerator, dresser, six bags of old clothes and an old lawn mower. Who are you kidding?"

The continuing goal of the City is to treat all persons fairly and equitably – this means consistent enforcement of the rules.

Some additional reminders for solid waste are:

- cans and bags shall be curbside;
- no loose trash – it should be bagged in a can;

City of New Castle Special Trash Pickup Fees

Refrigerator	\$30
Dishwasher	\$25
Stove	\$25
Washer	\$25
Dryer	\$25
Air Conditioner	\$20
Hot Water Heater	\$20
Sofa	\$25
Upholstered Chair	\$20
Mattress/Bed Springs – Single	\$18
Mattress/Bed Springs – King/Queen	\$22
Rug	\$20
TV Set With Cabinet	\$20
Dresser	\$15

For pickup of construction or remodeling material, the homeowner or contractor must speak to appropriate Public Works personnel who will provide the cost of removal.

Pickup of tree limbs and yard waste is included with City taxes (no added charge). Call 322-9813 to schedule a Wednesday pick up of these materials.

To request a special pickup or inquire about pricing, please call 322-9808.

- no car batteries;
- no oil (cooking or any other variety);
- no paint.

Important Notices For Public Services Customers

Trash Collection Hours for the Months of July and August are changed: 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

All persons accessing services at the Trolley Barn (Public Works or Building) must park in the lot at 900 Wilmington Road and use the front entrance.

Positively no admittance by non-City personnel elsewhere on the premises!

Code Enforcement Corner

The City of New Castle Board of Health strives to keep properties in conformance with adopted rules and codes.

To report any problems or file a complaint, please call Code Enforcement Officer John Lloyd at 302-323-6081. Complaint forms are also available on the City Web site at www.newcastlecity.org.

From the City Code...

The following is prohibited:

The open storage for any period of time on residentially zoned property any items, including but not limited to appliances, items and furniture designed and manufactured to be used and stored in an enclosed building.

The open storage of debris, for example, but not limited to, dead trees including dead trees which are

still standing, trash, rock, rubble, broken concrete and similar materials in residentially zoned districts.

Please note that Building Permits are required for all projects except painting and landscape work. All contractors working within the City must possess a City Business License. Business licenses are available at the Building Department located at 900 Wilmington Road (the Trolley Barn), phone 322-9813.